3	Deputy Manager	..	1
4	Assistant Manager	..	3
5	Field Officer .	..	2
6	Field Assistant .	..	2
7	Accounts Clerk	..	3
8	U.D.C. . .	..	1
9	L.D.C. . .	..	6
	TOTAL . .	..	23

Pisci-culture projects in coastal areas

2117. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several State Governments have taken up projects for pisci-culture in their coastal areas;

(b) if so, whether Government are enlisting technical cooperation from countries like Japan in the execution of these projects; and

(c) what is the quantum of assistance to be given by Government to such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Technical cooperation from Japan has not been obtained. However, international consultancy in the brackish water fish farming is being availed through the UNDP. The Ministry of Commerce are also availing of the expertise from France and U.S.A. for development of prawn seed hatcheries.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 700 lakhs is earmarked for taking up of projects for development of brackish water fish farms by the States under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Regional TV programme

2118. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently received proposals for increasing the duration of the regional programmes through different Doordarshan Kendras; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Requests are received from time to time for increase in telecast time for regional programmes from various Doordarshan Kendras. Such requests are examined keeping in view the constraints on resources, manpower and availability of equipment. The transmission time for regional programmes from Kendras is increase if found feasible.

Installation of television transmitters

2119. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several districts in the country are yet to be covered by Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the number of such districts and the proposals of Government to instal television transmitters in these districts during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, 53 out of a total of 412 districts in the country (according to 1981 census) are not